

Religious Studies – Curriculum Overview – Topics Covered (Years 7–11)

Year 7 – Foundations of Religious Belief and Diversity

- What do the Abrahamic religions teach about God?
 - Who is Jesus? Historical and theological perspectives
 - Are Dharmic religions the same? Introduction to Hindu belief
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Year 8 – Identity, Conflict and Faith in Action

- How is Sikhism different to other Dharmic faiths?
 - Why is there conflict within and between religions?
 - What does faith in action look like? Wealth, charity and community
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Year 9 – Philosophy, Freedom and the Purpose of Life

- How do I know what is real? Truth and worldview
 - Should people be able to believe and practise what they want?
 - Should happiness be the aim of life? Religious and philosophical responses
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Year 10 – Philosophy and Justice

- Does God exist? Arguments for and against
 - Is there an ethical way to punish someone? Crime, prisons and the death penalty
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Year 11 – War, Peace and Moral Responsibility

- Is it acceptable to go to war? Just War Theory and pacifism
 - Nuclear deterrence and conscientious objection
 - Religion, conflict and the human impact of war
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Overall Curriculum Journey

Across Years 7–11, students progress from foundational understanding of religious belief and identity to confident engagement with philosophical and ethical debate. The curriculum builds knowledge of major world religions before extending into questions of truth, freedom, justice and moral responsibility. By the end of Year 11, students are able to analyse contrasting worldviews, evaluate complex issues with clarity and articulate informed, reasoned conclusions.